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Cohen, Satlow, Margulies Attain Highest Scholastic Achievements

Academic standings for the Class of June, 1963, show Daniel Cohen of 8Z as having the highest average, 97.13%. Next are Paula Satlow, 96.94%; Sally Margulies, 96.83%; Martin Paris, 96.33%, and Sandra Rabinowitz, 95.8%. The averages are an aggregate of the students' first seven terms of work.

Daniel Cohen is the Editor-in-Chief of *Caravan* and was formerly the Feature Editor of *Topics*. He is the first oboist of the Band and Orchestra,

Top scholars l. to r.: Martin Paris, Paula Satlow, Sandy Rabinowitz, Sally Margulies and Daniel Cohen.

and was a member of the Marching Band. Daniel was a National Council of Teachers of English Achievement Award winner, received a letter of commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, and has participated in Sing as a scriptwriter. He plans to go to Columbia University.

Paula Satlow, 81B, has been a member of the Band, Orchestra and the Marching Band. She is the President of the Senior Class, the Spanish Editor of *Polyglot* and participated in Sing. Paula has worked at various times in several offices in Tilden, and outside of school is a hospital volunteer. She intends to go to Smith College in the fall.

High Average Students Have High Hopes

Sally Margulies, 8R, enjoys dancing and bowling, and has won two trophies in the Arista Bowling League. She is the News Editor of *Topics*, has served an unprecedented two terms as President of the Tilden Forum, and was a member of the Script Committee of Senior Sing. She also has received a letter of commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, has served as secretary to various teachers, and is a hospital volunteer. Sally will enter Brooklyn College in September.

Martin Paris, 8P, was formerly the Treasurer, and now is the Boy Leader of Arista, and is also director of the Arista Bowling League. He serves on *Topics* in the position of Sports Editor and he is also a winner of the school-wide United Nations Contest. He will attend Columbia University in the fall and plans to enter into politics.

Sandra Rabinowitz, 8M, will attend Rutgers University this summer, and then will enter Brooklyn College in September. She is presently the Editor Emeritus of *Topics*, and serves the Drama Guild in the capacity of Publicity Chairman and Press Representative.

Ranked sixth through tenth are Cheryl Serlin, 95.62%; Carol Sussman, 95.19%; Howard Streicher, 95.1%; Melvin Weinstein, 94.97% and Beth Goren, 94.94%. All ten students have won New York State Regents Scholarships, and are members of Arista.

Lack of G.O. Funds Causes Cut in Budget

Budgets of extra-curricular activities at Tilden were cut twenty per cent last month due to a lack of funds in the G.O. treasury. The cut, as announced by Principal Abraham Margolies, will remain in effect until the budget is balanced.

The lack of funds has been caused by a large increase in the athletic and extra-curricular programs in recent years. Seven years ago, the treasury contained $15,000. This has dwindled to $3,000.

Cuts in the school budget, which are expected to last about three years, were made to prevent a deficit of funds. In addition, measures may be taken to increase G.O. dues, such as charging admittance to sports events that are presently non-income bearing. One step already taken is the reduction of *Topics* from ten to eight issues per year.

To help alleviate the lack of funds, G.O. adviser Mr. Joseph Smallberg has proposed various measures. He has suggested that more students should subscribe to newspapers through the school and there must be more student participation in various school activities.

Prom Cancelled

Seniors will not have a prom this year because of the poor response of students in purchasing tickets.

Mr. Benjamin Diamond, advisor to the senior class, announced that only 23 couples out of 1,078 graduates expressed the desire to attend the prom which was scheduled for Malibu Beach Club, Atlantic Beach, Long Island.

A minimum number of couples for the affair had been set at 75. It was to have taken place June 28; tickets were being sold at $20 per couple.

This is the second year in succession that the Tilden Senior Class will not have a prom.

Sale of Gifts and Snacks Raises UNICEF Funds

"Raising funds to help UNICEF give aid to the sick and hungry children throughout the world," was the aim of the Home Economics UNICEF project May 9 and 10, according to Mrs. Rita Lindquist, chairman of the department.

UNICEF tables were set up in the main lobby and in the students' and teachers' cafeterias with UNICEF cards, gifts, and snacks. Classes under the direction of Mrs. Maxine Antonsen, Mr. Anthony Pontecorvo, Mrs. Beatrice Lowe, Mrs. Adale Thorjussen, Mrs. Ethel White, and Mrs. Linquist contributed student work.

The more than $360 raised by the two-day sale could provide any of the following: vaccine to protect 36,000 children from tuberculosis; daily glasses of milk for 6,120 children for one month; drugs to treat 360 young leprosy victims successfully for 3 years, and 180,000 vitamin capsules for children suffering from malnutrition.

Dorsky, Lederman, Goldberg Elected New G.O. Officers

Jeffrey Dorsky, 6B, Sheldon Lederman, 6C, and Michael Goldberg, 6P, were chosen General Organization president, vice president, and secretary, respectively, in the May 24 election.

Jeffrey, a member of Arista, has maintained a 92% average while attending honor classes in mathematics, economics, and speech, and is a member of the football team. He has been the G.O. representative of his official class, and is currently secretary to several teachers.

Cooperation Emphasized

The new president feels that "we can make this G.O. a highly successful one and instill the feeling of school spirit throughout the entire student body," He does not intend to be just a rubber stamp. One of his plans for the future is greater school participation in sports rallies and other extracurricular activities. According to Jeffrey, "Cooperation is definitely important."

Sheldon Lederman has an aggregate average of 87%. He has been on the football team for three years, and was vice president of his freshman class. Sheldon feels that teamwork, which he learned on the football team, is most important in assuring a successful G.O.

Goldberg Elected Secretary

Michael Goldberg, a member of Arista, the Tilden Drama Guild, and the Westinghouse Talent Search, has maintained a 91% average, and is secretary to several teachers. He also works for the science magazine *Biochemist*, and was formerly on the Biology Squad, the Chemistry Squad, and *Tilden Topics*. Michael plans to cooperate closely with the other new officers in making the G.O. worthwhile organization.

NEW G.O. OFFICERS, l. to r.: Michael Goldberg, Jeffrey Dorsky and Sheldon Lederman.

Mr. Joseph D. Smallberg, the G.O. faculty adviser, hopes to work with the newly elected officers in enabling the G.O. to achieve its purposes effectively. Promotion of extracurricular activities and student self-government are, according to Mr. Smallberg, the primary aims of the G.O.

"New Look" Scheduled; Work to Begin in Fall

Mr. William Berman (left), Biology Department Chairman, goes over plans for new experimental biology laboratory. Mr. Fred Bohensky of the Biology Department look on.

One and a half million dollars will be spent on the modernization of Tilden High School which will begin next September. The work is expected to last from eighteen months to two years.

Included in the Board of Education budget for 1963, the modernization will include a change to fluorescent lighting in all classrooms and offices of the school. New wiring and electrical panel boards are also called for.

Public Address System

In order to reach the entire school in a minimum of time, a central public address system is being installed.

Laboratories in the science wing will be completely renovated and new equipment will be furnished for them.

An improved orchestra-band practice room is to be constructed for the Music Department and complete modernization is planned for the home economics wing.

New lighting, controls, curtains, and a new stage are scheduled to be installed in the auditorium. All pipes are to be replaced in a program to improve the entire plumbing system of the school.

More Modern Cafeteria

The cafeteria will undergo partial renovation through which more counterspace is to be provided. Modern equipment in the cafeteria kitchen will replace that being used presently.

New shelves and cabinets are to highlight a complete face-lifting of the school library. The art rooms are also on the modernization program.

New desks will be provided only in rooms in which there will be radical changes. This includes the science laboratories.

Three-quarters of the classrooms will be unaffected by the renovation except for improvements in the lighting and plumbing. The guidance offices, and the offices of the deans, *Topics*, and the G.O. will be completely modernized.

Mr. Margolies points out that we will have to "live and learn with noise, with inconveniences, and we must minimize them so that in the future these improvements will exist."

Tilden High School is being renovated under a policy of the Board of Education that provides that every city school thirty years old is in line for renovation.

Barbara Goldstein, Sam Roberts

Senior Celeb Winners Chosen at Class Hop

Winners of the Senior Celebrity Contests were announced at the traditional Red Letter Hop, Friday, April 26, in the Tilden auditorium.

Emerging victorious as Mr. Tilden was Joel Cohen. Sandy Epstein won as Miss Tilden. Mary Ann Sorena was voted Most Popular Girl, while Tony Vino was chosen as Most Popular Boy.

Winner of the title of Most Popular Pair of Boys were Ron Foresta and Ernie Saccone. Their female counterparts were Joanne Reiner and Sally Reiner.

Sweet Smell of Success

Boy Most Likely to Succeed was the title given to Daniel Cohen, and Cheryl Serlin was voted Girl Most Likely to Succeed.

Martin Paris and Joanne Staveler were Boy and Girl Who Did the Most. Tied in the contest for Most Versatile Boy were Marc Lewis and Kenny Newman. Carol Sussman was chosen as their female counterpart.

Winning the title of Best Dressed Boy was Hymie Nagel. Ellen Goldfarb was chosen as Best Dressed Girl.

Louis Vega emerged victorious as Best Boy Athlete, and Pat Palone won the title of Best Girl Athlete.

Cary Gould was awarded the title of Handsomest Senior, while Cathy Macri became Prettiest Senior. The titles of Cutest Senior and Miss Dimples went to Maxine Arginsky and Merry Reed, respectively.

A Funny Thing Happened . . . . .

Awarded the position of Class Wit was Jerry Mintz. Sonia Wietshner won the title of Most Charming and Connie Tromboli won the title of Most Cheerful.

Class Journalist was the title given to Sandy Rabinowitz. Stephanie Mallis won as Class Artist.

Bella Grushka emerged as Class Thespian, while Morty Alexander was awarded the title of Class Orator.

These winners were chosen from the candidates who were announced at the Celebrity Hop, March 8.

Three Pupils Honored With Contest Awards

Three Tildenites have been honored in city-wide contests. They are Susan Rosnel, Richard Weiner and Francine Geraci.

Susan Rosnel and Richard Weiner distinguished themselves by gaining first and second place in Brooklyn in the 36th Annual High School Contest on the United Nations. This marked the first time in the history of the contest that a single school had taken the top two prizes. Susan was awarded twenty-five dollars and Richard received fifteen dollars for his efforts. In addition, two books will be donated to the Tilden library in their names.

Francine Geraci placed second in the New York City Poetry Contest. A staff member of *Caravan*, Francine currently represents Tilden in the National Council of Teachers of English achievement competition.

Topics Talks:

Alleviating Financial Difficulties

The student body of Tilden is not completely aware of the tremendous problem now facing our administration. Within the last seven years, school funds have decreased from a comfortable $15,000 to 1/5 of that sum. Although action must be taken, our concern is whether or not the measures recently introduced will effectively alleviate the problem without endangering the welfare of the students.

Mr. Margolies has pointed out that the drop in funds may be an outgrowth of our expanding extra-curricular schedule. While some school functions are more or less self-sufficient, the newspaper, the magazine, and some musical presentations, among other endeavors, have put a drain on our funds. And yet cutting these activities hardly seems an appropriate answer. The need for communication and entertainment, and the tremendous benefit to the students in these organizations, has been recognized by all city schools.

The following measures have been proposed: all faculty advisors have been urged to cut expenses by 20 per cent; programs for school functions will be printed here; the newspaper will issue only 8 instead of 10 yearly copies; allotments for track, tennis, and bowling teams will be severely cut and G.O. dues may be raised.

These measures, according to Mr. Margolies and Mr. Joseph Smallberg, G.O. adviser, are only temporary. Within three years, the school will be on a normal basis again. But what is to prevent this drain in funds from recurring? Temporary measures, it seems, can yield only temporary relief. A basic change in the attitude of the student body seems the only lasting answer. Active student support of all school functions, not just major activities, is needed. Furthermore, a re-evaluation of extra-curricular activities to discover which ones benefit the greatest number of students, and should therefore be allocated a normal portion of funds even in this emergency situation, should be undertaken. However, the problem should not be considered strictly an administrational affair.

Every student should feel responsible. If we do not actively support our teams, musical presentations, and other functions, eventually the benefits each of these activities offers will be lost to us and future generations of Tildenites.

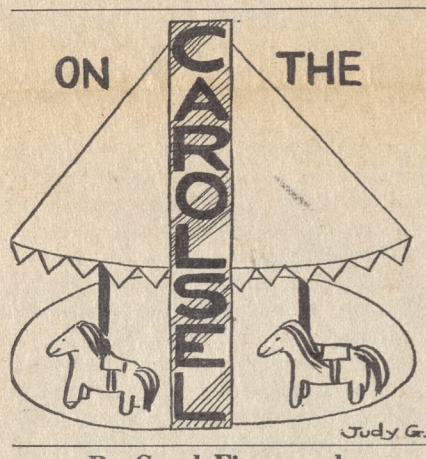
New Push-up Primer Introduced To Maintain Physical Fitness

"You kids are the worst physical wrecks I have ever seen!" Does this sound familiar? It should, if you are taking gym (some of us peasants still do, you know). Ever since the Health Ed. Department instituted its ill-fated physical education program, these disparaging words have echoed the halls of Tilden. Laden with statistics on how many pushups we should be able to do in 30 seconds, teachers have threatened us with the age-old standby, failure, if we do not show some progress.

Perhaps the reason for our poor showing is the type of exercise we are asked to do. Therefore, presented below is a list of standard exercises and their suggested equivalents designed to place Tilden at the top of the country in physical fitness.

1. The traditional PUSHUP can be replaced by the lunch room PUSH-OUT—that is, pushing out from behind a table in ten seconds or less without ripping your clothing, or upsetting everyone else. (The last comment may be disregarded by the misanthropes among us.)
2. The SITUP can be made simpler if its action were reversed, and it could be called a SITDOWN. Students could practice this in all their classes and we might become champions.
3. The SHUTTLE RUN would be better if it were changed to the 8th period BELL RUN—out of the building. Average time—3 7/249 seconds.
4. The HANDBALL THROW might be more interesting if the targets were inviting. Use your imagination.

Sally Margulies



By Carol Fingerroth

Since this is my *very last column* (no, that is NOT due to popular demand!), I had intended to spare you my meager attempts at humor. However, I couldn't determine whether or not you were worth a few moments of sobriety, so I decided to jot down whatever drifted into my twisted little mind. (If you see any blank spaces, blame the censor.)

Thinking back on my Tilden years conjures up many amusing memories, *some* of them printable. I remember:

My first football game. We even won! (Thank you, Ronnie Bliey);

The first term I had Early Session. Actually, I don't recall *too* much about this, since I generally slept through my first four classes;

The first time I had to report to the Pool Balcony, early in my third term. I managed to find the right corridor, but then I was lost. A friendly fellow nearby helpfully told me to go to the bottom of the steps and turn left. So I *went* to the bottom of the steps—and turned left. Right after the late bell. And I refuse to say another word about *that* incident;

Rushing to my mailbox every afternoon to see if there were any word from college. (This is hard to forget, since I'm still doing it);

Nearly failing the Chem Regents; Dr. Greene's Dance class; losing SING two years in a row; being afraid to dissect a frog in Bio; getting my Senior button; "Hail, Tilden High!" . . . . .

Noted Author Urges Science for Students

Dr. Isaac Asimov, author of science fact books as well as many science fiction novels, has an impishly humorous personality and quotes his Ph.D. as standing for "phony doctor."

He spoke before an auditorium of high school students, at a mid-April forum at the New York Donnell Library Center, to stress the importance of science studies for the student.

Starting with the Renaissance, he took science to the present age of specialization in which different scientific fields are alienated by technical language barriers.

Dr. Asimov's recommendation to every student is the gaining of some background in each phase of science. Possessing this varied knowledge, a person with literary ability has the tools to practice scientific writing — the importance of which is to translate science for the scientist and for the layman.

Isaac Asimov dreams of a generation of well-rounded students who will pioneer the gap between science and the humanities.

Ex-Tildenite Film Star Gives Bird's Eye View

Samuel J. Owl, star of the new motion picture, *The Birds*, has for many years been known as an ex-Tildenite of high standing. (Two floors up, in fact—see photo below.) I recently had the opportunity to interview Mr. Owl, a dignified personage in tweed feathers, over mice and crackers. "It's my lunch," he explained, chuckling, "I eat like a bird."

Hatched in a ratty little nest in East Flatbush in 1932, Mr. Owl told me how he attended Tilden and how he worked for many years as a night watchman while trying to claw his way into show business. "I'm talon you," said he, "If I'd had someone to advise me when I was in school, I really could've been somebody. An American eagle, maybe. Now there's *class*!"

After graduating from Tilden, Mr. Owl modeled for a while ("You'll remember me from Wise Potato Chips"), and was finally discovered for Hollywood while understudying for the NBC peacock. His ascent to sudden movie stardom with his magnificent portrayal of the villain in *The Birds* is famous today. He, however, takes a dim (and rather owl-eyed) view of his career. "*The Birds* laid an egg!" he squawked. "The reviews were fowl. Oh, the public likes me now, but how long can that last? There aren't many parts for an owl, you know. This stardom business is a fleeting thing. In a few weeks, my popularity will wane and it'll be 'Bye Bye Birdie' for me."

Mr. Owl spoke at length on teenagers. He urges independence. "Venture out of the nest! Try your wings!" he advises. But he adds, "Whatever you do, use some common sense. Don't be a bird brain like me." He also reminisced about his own fledgling years at Tilden, and recalled, "My favorite sport in those days was hunting mice in the locker-room. Do they still do it?" I deemed it wise not to answer that question, and changed the subject.

Topics' **reporter interviews Samuel J. Owl at home.**

"Did you enjoy your stay at Tilden?" I asked. Mr. Owl hooted. "It was for the birds!" he exclaimed. I scribbled on my little pad and hastily withdrew.

Sharon Burnston

Gullible's Travels

By Sandy Rabinowitz

Read on, my children.
And you shall see
What three years in Tilden
Have done for me.

First I have memories
Of late copy sprees
And Mr. Schwartz yelling,
"All right, who took my keys?"

The trips to the printer,
The readers we've bored,
And the wild competition
For the great "Schwartz Award."

Then I'll recall
My homework in Drama
Learning breathing and fainting
And "feigning" a trauma.

And looking the fool
In the weirdest positions.
While trembling all over—
Just to *lose* inhibitions!

The days I stayed late
(Every day as a rule)
When just me and my shadow
Were left in the school.

"I'm glad it's all over"
I'll say, it's the fad.
But under my breath,
"Gee, it wasn't so bad!"

"Bye Bye Birdie" Verdict: Film Falls Short of Play

Bye Bye Birdie, probably standing out as one of the year's newest and best musicals, is strictly for the musical-comedy lover. Produced by Fred Kohlmar and directed by George Sidney, the picture is based on the hit Broadway show about a "pop" singer and his sensational farewell to the nation's teenagers before the Army grabs him. Most of the original show's songs, dances, and hilarious satirical comedy have been included in this movie. However, while the nonsensical unrealistic, and exaggerated plot was fine for a live show, it seems totally unsuitable for film purposes.

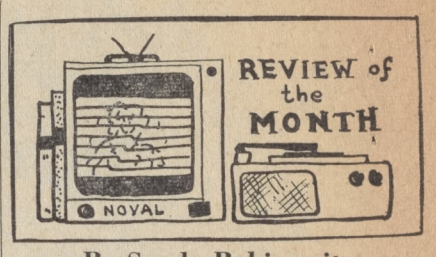
Ann-Margret (left) and friend serenade Jesse Pearson.

Photographed quite expertly and beautifully amid New York skyscrapers, and in a typical small town in Ohio, *Bye Bye Birdie* pokes fun at the bored, widowed, over-protective mother, her son's exasperated fianceé, the "small town" mayor, the "normal" family, the Ed Sullivan show, the Russian Ballet Company, secret fraternal orders, television broadcasting, science, and teenagers and their idols. In fact, the movie leaves few aspects of life untouched.

However, the musical contains so many unnecessary sub-plots that the main idea of the folly of teenage adoration of usually dull, untalented entertainers is almost obscured. When this theme does shine through, it revives and brightenes the whole picture. The one scene which shows the "mass murder" of the town kids (and their parents) after Birdie, shimmering and in a gold lamé outfit had just delivered a song, is perhaps the best of the entire movie.

Jesse Pearson, in his convincing portrayal of the unimaginative, conceited, boorishly absurd Birdie, is magnificent. Equally good is Dick Van Dyke. The image of the sweet, innocent, typical small town girl chosen to be "blessed" by Birdie, is slightly destroyed by the actress Ann-Margret, however, who is too glamorous for the role. Although some may find that the songs and dances make the movie worthwhile, I found that it did not measure up to the fine standards of the original play.

Susan Parker



By Sandy Rabinowitz

An enthusiastic reception rewarded the members of the *Tall Story* cast who performed May 23, 24, and 25. All viewers agreed that the unusual lighting and sound effects, the collegiate costumes, the authentic sets, the good acting technique, and the fine touches of originality made an enjoyable script into a delightful performance.

The locker-room scene, one of the most difficult projects ever undertaken by the guild, involved tremendous technical and artistic effort. The folk-singing group was particularly well received by the teen-age audience. Of course, the male viewers especially appreciated performances by our cheerleaders.

Larry Waxman (Ray Blent) and Jacqueline Halbkram (June Ryder), gave exceptionally convincing performances. Arnold Dressner (the college president) used his voice most professionally for comic effect. He was remarkably popular for a college president! Even the professors entertained the approval of all.

The enthusiasm of Custer's basketball players and cheerleaders seemed to be contagious. Coach Hardy's (Howard Cohen) unfailing good humor prevailed in the auditorium, too. Bella Grushka, our class Thespian, earned her title with her performance as a bored beatnik. Michael Schwimmer and Jerry Teahan, the professors, were convincingly scholarly. Sharon Mark (Mrs. Solomon) created a subtle humor all her own, through expert use of voice inflection. Lynn Globerman played the boisterous waitress Hazel *with vigor*. Jack Lefkowitz who portrayed Fred Jensen, a crude, rather obnoxious, henpecked inmate, did a very realistic job. Ray's difficulties, the professors' moral plight and the school's optimism all became completely real on stage because of the actors' long months of training and rehearsal.

Backstage efforts are always important, but in a play involving such unusual technical effects they become even more significant. For this reason the efforts of Mr. Sidney Hoffman, Mr. Wallace Hochman, Miss Anita Goldmuntz, Stanley Noval, assistant director, and Mr. Joel Dick, director, should be individually recognized. In short, the reviewer (who admits to being slightly biased) would call this year's spring play, *Tall Story*, a most professional production.

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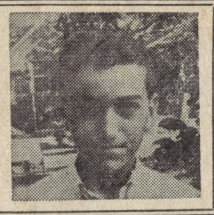

To most of us, the last issue of the newspaper represents the signal that school will soon be over and that summer will now present a welcome respite before classes resume again in September. But to a few of us, this last issue of the newspaper represents a final link with a school which has been our home for the past three years; a school which has left an indelible mark upon our lives, and one whose influence will probably grow greater as time and nostalgia begin to color the memory of the years spent here.

To those of you who will be back in September, we hope that our last column will in some way help in the establishment of a better student attitude toward athletics. To those of you who are graduating in June, we extend our thanks for helping to make this year a most memorable one and our hope that our last column somehow epitomizes the sentiments which are now present within all of us.

A Word to the Future

Throughout our three years here, we have been proud to be members of the Tilden student body. Nowhere in the city has a high school supported its athletic teams the way Tilden has. Even while our squads were not winning, student turn-outs never dropped and enthusiasm was kept at a high pitch. Yet, the thing which made us proudest was that throughout this preoccupation with athletics, the student body kept its sense of perspective.

Athletics are valuable as long as they are kept an intrinsic part of the school's educational aims. Once a sport becomes more important than the educational system which has spawned it, its ends become corrupted.

PSAL competition during the past few years has skyrocketed tremendously. Already, the symptoms that athletics is becoming an end unto itself are proliferating. In some schools, a count of attendance at games can be used as an accurate index of the team's won-lost record. Over the nation, football fever has become so widespread that coaches are encouraged to cheat on the training rules and train in the heat of the summer. The result this past year alone was the tragic death of ten young ballplayers.

The Root of the Problem

In college, we all have seen the tragic result of this sport mania—widespread gambling with the resultant destruction of the lives of many athletes who were foolish enough to accept bribes to fix games. Yet are their sins any worse than those of the college officials who offered "scholarships" to play in the first place? If money can be offered as a bribe to play, then it can just as easily and with the same justification be offered as a bribe not to play.

The root of the problem and, ironically, its solution, lies in the attitude adopted towards sports by the students themselves. Athletics are valuable but it must be remembered that they are merely an intrinsic part of the school's educational system. They are not a means of gaining revenue for the school. They are not a means of gaining prestige for the school. They are, and must always remain, an educational experience in themselves.

The proble[m] will grow more acute in the coming years, and it is only the student bo[dy] itself which can solve it. Once the students become imbued with the "wi[n]-[a]ll-costs" philosophy, gambling and corruption are just a hair-breath[t]ay. If we have succeeded in making the student body aware of this one es[s]ntial fact, we feel that our tenures as sports editors of the newspaper have been justified.

Netmen Strong Despite Injuries; Wallmen Tie for Division Lead

It was predicted at the start of the handball season that the *Wallmen*, although stocked with rookies, would repeat as division champions. Until now, this prediction has been realized, but the road to division supremacy has been a rough one.

A Close Win

The first match of the season, against Midwood, proved to be one of the most difficult and was finally decided by a mere point. Arthur Fuchs, playing third singles though injured with a sore hand, was defeated in the first match. However, the first and second doubles were won handily by Lenny Roth, Mike Goldstein, Joel Globerman, and Mike Millman. With victory in sight, Tilden suffered a setback. Second singles man Stuie Goldberg seemed to have victory in his grasp when his Midwood opponent pulled off an astonishing comeback to edge him out, 21-20. This left the match up to Capt. Harold Weiner, who, because of a change in rules, played the last match. In this match, which was played practically in the dark, Weiner played superbly to come from behind and win the match for Tilden.

In the next game, Mike Barron, replacing the injured Arthur Fuchs, sparked the *Wallmen* to a 4-1 victory over Madison.

Although halted momentarily in their drive by a 3-2 loss to Fort Hamilton, the *Wallmen* swept a doubleheader from John Jay by scores of 5-0 and 4-1 to tie for the division leadership with Fort Hamilton and Midwood.

Opening their fifth year of PSAL tennis competition, the Tilden *Netmen* faced Wingate High School April 10. Mr. John O'Shea, coach of the *Netmen*, feels that we faced "the second strongest team in the division," yet, with some outstanding play, Tilden won two out of the five matches.

Playing surprisingly well, even after sustaining a series of crippling injuries, the *Netmen* succeeded in catching fire after their narrow loss and won two of their next three contests.

Against Boys High, the *Netmen* won five out of five matches. Against Midwood, the division champs, Coach O'Shea's charges were unable to win any of the five matches. However, they bounced back strongly against Whitney, blanking them five to nothing.

Injuries Hit Team

Tilden suffered a tremendous blow to the team because of injuries suffered by Herb Selzer and Barry Nudelman. Barry replaced Herb as team captain when it was learned that Herb would be out for the whole season. Now Barry will not be able to play because of a knee injury. These two players were to have been the foundation of the team.

With the loss of Nudelman, Lester Rappaport has taken over as the number one singles starter and as captain of the team.

Mr. O'Shea feels that these injuries have hurt the team a great deal. However, there are several rookies that are very promising players. Chief among them is Scott Handelman, who shows especially great potential and will probably be captain next year.

Sportopics

For the second year in succession, the Tilden track team, under coach Joel Hochheiser, has concluded another highly successful season. Below is a list of dual and interscholastic meet results and the stand-out individual performances which highlighted the season's competition.

Dual Meets

Tilden 61—Tech 38
Tilden 62—New Utrecht 37
Tilden 38 1/3—Erasmus 60 2/3
Tilden 63—Fort Hamilton 36
Tilden 41—Wingate 58
Tilden 66—Midwood 33

Interscholastic Track Meets

Commerce Relays: Dennis Gartland, Paul Scheier, Jeff Sargeant, Bob Mckeon—2 mile relay—8:29.4—fourth place

Queens-Iona Relays: Sheldon Chaplin, Stan Fefferman, Paul Scheier, Dennis Gartland—mile relay—3:38—third place

Penn Relays: Jeff Sargeant, Sheldon Chaplin, Stan Fefferman, Dennis Gartland—mile relay—3:36.2—sixth place

Novice Championships: Marc Forman, Bruce Schuler, Tony Buonocore, Irv Shonfeld—freshman 880 yard relay—1:40.4—second place

N.U.S.S.C. Invitational: Marc Forman, Dennis Elkin, Irv Schoenfeld, Rich Weiner—mile relay—3:39.7—third place

Distance Medley Relay: Dennis Gartland, Jeff Sargeant, Sheldon Chaplin, Charlie Gunther—7:56—sixth place

Mt. St. Michael Invitational: Dennis Gartland—880 yard—2:00.6—sixth place; Dennis Elkin, Henry Schneps, Marty Messik, Rich Weiner—880 yard relay—1:37.8—fifth place; Marc Forman—440 yard—0:54.1—fourth place

Oustanding Achievements

440—Dennis Gartland—50.8
220—Jeff Sargeant—22.8
100—Marty Messik—10.5
880—Dennis Gartland—1:59.0
Mile—Charles Gunther—4:41.0
High Jump—Alan Cedar—5'4"
Broad Jump—Alan Cedar—20'10"
Shot-put—Mark Fuster—41'2"
Mile Relay—Sargeant, Fefferman, Forman, Gartland—3:29.0
880 Relay—Chaplin, Schneps, Elkin, Messik—1:36.0

Swimtathelon Announced

Inspired by the track team's impending decathelon competition, swimming coach Mr. Sheldon Spielberg and the G.O. will sponsor a *Swimtathelon.*

The contest will consist of 10 events to be held June 10 and June 12. There will be 5 trophies and 10 medals awarded to high scorers. There will also be a trophy for highest score made by a non-member of the swimming team. All G.O. members may participate.

Tilden to Stage June Decathlon; Cindermen To Compete in Events

UP AND OVER: Track team's Joe Leito clears hurdle as Coach Hochheiser looks on. The two are attempting to correct flaws in time for upcoming decathlon competition.

Under the direction of Coach Joel Hochheiser, Tilden's first annual Track and Field Decathlon will be held June 3rd and 4th. The decathlon will be open to members of the track team only.

This will be coach Hochheiser's first decathlon as a Tilden coach. Formerly, this competition has been held only sporadically, but Mr. Hochheiser hopes to inaugurate it as an annual event in the school's athletic program.

Ten events, five each from track and field, will be judged by Tilden alumni who were members of former Tilden track teams. The alumni include sprinter Fuzzy Shapiro, middle-distance men Alan Unger, Henry Ginsberg and Richie Lerner, miler Bob Cope and Coach Paul Ehrenworth.

The events planned for the two day contest are the 140, 220 yard and 440 yard dashes, sixty yard hurdles, broad and high jumps, shot put, 880 yard and one mile runs, and the hop, step and jump.

Medals will be awarded for first place in each event, in addition to the five trophies which will be awarded for the five lowest over-all scores. Scoring will be slightly irregular. First place will receive one point; second, two points, and so on. Each entrant will receive points equal to his finishing position in the event.

Because of the diversity of events and specialization of each boy in a particular event, no single *Hochharrier* has been picked as favorite. Says coach Joel Hochheiser, who knows both contestants and events better than anyone else, "In this decathlon, anybody can win."

No-hitter Sparks Season; Diamondmen Post 6-4 Log

LOOK AND LEARN: Tilden catcher stands futilely by as Wingate pitcher scores go-ahead run. The run proved costly as Tilden bowed 5-3 in a hard-fought game.

Combining excellent pitching and clutch hitting, Tilden finished third in its division with a 6-4 record. The season was highlighted by Bob Rosenthal's perfect game in which he did not allow a hit or a walk.

A five game winning streak came to a bitter end April 23 as Tilden lost to Sheepshead Bay 6-5. Tilden had come from behind to take a 5-4 lead into the last inning, but Sheepshead got two runs via a walk and a sacrifice fly with the bases loaded. A bright spot for Tilden was Bob Castagna's play at third base.

Three days later, Tilden bounced back to a 4-2 victory over Midwood as Ron Foresta batted in the tie-breaking and winning runs. Eric Ruskin pitched three fine innings before giving the *Middies* two runs. Bob Rosenthal came in, quelled the rally and received credit for the win.

The elation which this victory brought was quickly dissipated as Tilden next lost to Erasmus 5-3 at the winner's field on April 29. The *Blue Devils* lead 3-0 after five innings. However, Erasmus loaded the bases in the sixth inning and their powerful slugger, John Howell, came up. The count went to 3-2 and Bob Rosenthal tried to fire a fast ball by Howell, but the batter caught it and drove it out for a grand slam homer. The grand slam left Tilden dazed and Erasmus scored one more run to finally win by two.

Tilden lost its third league game to Wingate May 2. Dave Cooke, Eric Ruskin, and Bob Rosenthal could not quiet Wingate's hot bats as the *Generals* won 5-3. Mark Civarello continued his fine hitting with two RBI's for Tilden.

No Runs, No Hits, Walks

Needing a win badly to remain in title contention, the Devils received a magnificent pitching performance from Bob Rosenthal as he pitched a perfect no-hit, no-run ball game May 6 against Madison. Bob's pitching was flawless as he struck out ten batters while leading Tilden to a 2-0 victory. Ron Foresta and Rosenthal accounted for Tilden's two runs with a pair of solo homers. The game evened Tilden's league record at 3-3.

Final Baseball Averages

Player	avg.	ab	r	h	hr	rbi
Vega	.187	32	6	6	0	4
Foresta	.200	30	6	6	1	4
Civarello	.378	29	6	11	0	10
Rosenthal	.458	24	6	11	1	2
Tepedino	.321	28	6	9	0	3
Castagna	.333	27	4	9	0	7
Cannizo	.200	25	3	5	0	5
Markman	.087	23	2	2	0	4
Team average:	.231					

Obviously fired up by Bob's pitching classic, Tilden reversed an early season loss to Sheepshead with a 4-3 win May 9. The *Devils* scored three runs in the final inning to pull the game out of the fire. Frank Tepedino delivered the big blow, a two out double which produced two runs.

Scoring its third successive victory, Tilden beat Midwood May 13 by a score of 3-2. Bob Rosenthal pitched a one-hit ball game while receiving credit for his fifth win of the season. The Blue Devils came from behind to win, as they scored 2 runs in the last ining on a base-on-balls and Angel Castagna's two out clutch single.

Again?

Coach "Spotty" Ginsberg called upon Bob Rosenthal to pitch his fourth consecutive game May 16 as Tilden lost to Erasmus 3-0. The *Dutchmen's* runs were all unearned due to numerous errors committed around the keystone position by Tilden. The loss eliminated the Devils from any chance to reign as Divisional Champs again.

Diamondmen Finish 3rd

Tilden closed out its 1962 baseball season with a hard fought 2-1 victory over Wingate H. S. Bob Rosenthal and Steve Olshansky hooked up in a real pitcher's battle in a game that went into extra innings. Bob drove home the winning run himself with a clutch single in the 8th inning.

Three ballplayers have really paced this year's squad. They are Bob Rosenthal, Mark Civarillo, and Ron Foresta. Bob won every one of Tilden's six victories, while the timely hitting of Mark and Ronnie have provided the margin of victory in many of this year's games.

Ed Faggan and Paul Nussbaum

Social Council Meeting Discusses Latin America

"Latin America and the Development Decade" was the theme of the second model Economic and Social Council meeting, sponsored by the High School Council for the United Nations, May 4, 1963, at Mills College, Manhattan. Each participating school represented a member nation of ECOSOC; Tilden's delegates, Robert Braun, Paul Goldberg, and David Gorelick, represented Czechoslovakia.

Alan Becker, chairman of ECOSOC, gave an introductory speech, which was followed by reports on the programs of the organizations affiliated with ECOSOC. Robert Fontera, co-founder of the HSCUN, then gave a speech on the role of the U.N. in fomenting the social revolution in Latin America today.

The plenary session broke up into meetings of the agencies, where resolutions were prepared for consideration by the parent body.

Evils Discussed

Tilden's representatives attended the meeting of the Social Commission, which formulated resolutions on "prostitution and the uncontrolled dissemination of narcotics," crowded urban areas, and unpunished war criminals.

Other resolutions passed by various commissions were: development of Latin American resources (Bureau of Technical Assistance); stabilization of prices (International Commodity Track Commission), and community pediatric centers, and birth control (World Health Organization).

After lunch, the plenary session reconvened to consider the resolutions formulated in committee. First was that of the BTA, but it was sent back to the agency for revision because four amendments were proposed to it.

A controversy arose over which of the two WHO resolutions was to be considered first. On the motion of the U.S. delegation, the session agenda was suspended, and the birth control measure was brought up first. After impassioned debate, the resolution passed by a vote of nine to seven. The other WHO resolution passed easily.

Tilden Proposal Loses

Next considered was the Social Commission's resolution on prostitution and narcotics. Tilden's delegates defended it against the attacks of France and Japan but the vote was three to seven, with eight abstentions.

The last issue considered was that of price stabilization. Defended by the U.S., but opposed by the Soviet bloc, France, and Italy, the measure was voted down by a substantial majority.

Robert Braun and David Gorelick

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G.O. Newsletter

By the time you read this article, you will have received a new team of officers who must realize the responsibility of their trust. The information and suggestions herein should help you run a better G.O.:

You've probably heard the *big news* —that Tilden will enter its own "Reconstruction Era." Some of the changes will be fluorescent lights, and greater science and art facilities. We will be deprived of eight or nine classrooms and part of our cafeteria in the process. As if this weren't bad enough, there will be increased G.O. dues, a charge for *Caravan*, and fewer issues of *Topics*, resulting from our deficit this year.

But there is consolation in the fact that the Great Experiment, Co-ed Lunch, has earned its "meal ticket" by pleasing not only the students, but the faculty and the principal as well, and it is probably here to stay.

Appropriately, we now have advice for our successors: what will restore respect and purpose to Tilden's G.O. is more responsible student participation and capable leadership by each officer (especially the President). This means greater use of *Topics* as the voice of the students and their leaders, and revision of the G.O. Constitution to provide the student body with more power.

Above all, remember that you are the conscience of your government, and never let your leaders forget this.

Morty Alexander,
G.O. Vice President

SCHEDULE OF UNIFORM FINAL EXAMINATIONS

Wednesday, June 5, 1963

8:15-9:45	10:00-11:30
Sten. 1, 2 Math. 1, 2, 3, 8, 10, 11 H.I.B.	Math. 4, 5Y, 5Z, 6X, 7

11:45-1:15	1:30-2:45	3:00-4:00
French 1 Spanish 1 Physics 1 Earth Sci. 1 Chemistry 1 Acctg. 1, 2,3, 8	Speech 6 Family Liv. 8 Foods 2	Bus. Arith. 1 Mdsg. 3

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By SANDY KAPLAN and RUTH GOZ

As most of you, our readers, have probably guessed already, this is our last issue *and* our last column. (All right, let's stop the cheering!) As we look back at these hallowed halls for the last time (we hope!) we remember the tuna fish sandwiches and orange drinks sneaked out of the cafeteria that gave us the supernatural energy for writing this column. So, as all good columns (that is a matter of opinion) must come to an end, we leave you with these few remaining paragraphs.

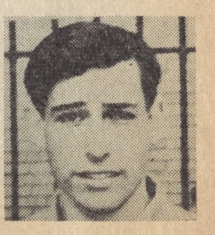
More Perfection in Dissection

Students who have had two years background in Experimental Biology were given the opportunity to do a dissection on a doubly injected mature cat. Mr. Fred Bohensky, of the Biology Department, proudly disclosed that the rare chance of dissecting this organism isn't even afforded to students attending their sophomore year at college.

By the Students, For the Students, Of the Students

Ira Cohen, 6M, one of our reporters, has won a scholarship to College University Boy's State program, sponsored by the Rugby Post of the American Legion. The scholarship is for the week of June 23-29. During this time the 900 winners will act as a model state government and will write a constitution for a model state.

Ira Kay, 8A, another of our reporters, has won second prize in the City Science Fair. His project was the transformation in Bacillus subtilis, a non-reciprocal recombination in bacterial genetics (Sure, Ira!). Transformation is an exchange of DNA from a donor strain to a recipient strain to produce desired traits. (Now it's even clearer) (?) The prize was $25.



Ira Cohen, left, is secretary to Miss Grand, a member of Arista, works in the Biology laboratory, and coaches students in math. Ira Kay, right, is a member of Arista, captain of the Arista soft-ball team, and works in the Biology laboratory.

It Seems to Me . . . .

The semi-annual Student Opinion Poll, sponsored by the History Department, shows the following results which were voted by the various history classes.

	Yes	*No*	*No Opinion*
1. Should the drinking age of teenagers be raised to 21?	564	1000	59
2. Do you favor compulsory arbitration of labor disputes?	807	498	372
3. If economic growth and increased employment could be promoted by increased government spending, would you be willing to pay more taxes to make such spending possible?	652	710	248
4. Should we establish a blockade of Cuba in order to bring about the downfall of the Castro regime?	668	833	187
5. Do you favor legalizing off-track betting as a means of raising revenue for New York City	930	525	181
6. Would you favor legalizing the compulsory recitation of prayers in public schools?	347	1069	240

As Always, Topicsites Triumph

Once again another ex-*Topicsite* has risen to great heights on his own college newspaper. Richard Denenberg, a 1960 alumnus, has recently been elected Editor-in-Chief of the *Cornell Daily Sun*. Our entire staff wishes him the best of luck under the *Sun*.

Brains Incorporated

Tilden's Arista played host to seven other Brooklyn High School Aristas, April 11, in the cafeteria. The purpose of this meeting was to form an Inter-Arista League of New York City, which would incorporate all of the Aristas.

In the beginning . . . . .

Isaac Gottlieb, son of Rabbi Emmanuel Gottlieb, has placed first in the World Wide Bible Contest for Jewish Youth held in Jerusalem. Rabbi Gottlieb is a Hebrew teacher in Tilden.

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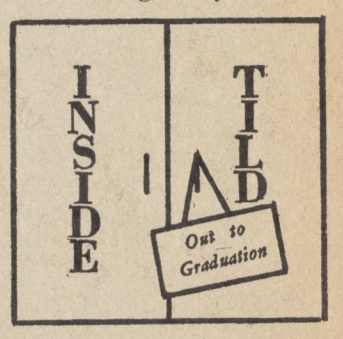

SCHEDULE OF REGENTS EXAMINATIONS

Friday, June 14 — Thursday, June 20, 1963

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1:15 to 4:15	1:15 to 4:15	1:15 to 4:15	1:15 to 4:15	1:15 to 4:15
9th Yr. Math. French 2 yrs. Spanish 2 yrs. Hebrew 2 yrs.	10th Yr. Math. 11th Yr. Math. Int. Algebra	French 3 yrs. Hebrew 3 yrs. Spanish 3 yrs. Bookkeeping II	Earth Science Physics	Mdsg. II